

Remarks

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 16-30 have been rejected. Claims 1-15 and 31-40 have been withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 17-20 and 22-30 have been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to define the subscripts "m" and "n" in the polymer formulae recited in the claims. These two subscripts, "m" and "n," are commonly used as positive integers in polymer formulae and are well within the background information in the art. Applicant respectfully presents that all chemists, more specifically polymer chemists, understand that these designations are equivalent to positive integers. The claims have been amended to indicate that "m" and "n" are positive integers. Applicant believes the amendment to the claims cures this deficiency. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

Date: April 12, 2006

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.
One Maritime Plaza, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94111
Telephone (415) 393-9885
Facsimile (415) 393-9887

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ZB' or 'Zhaoyang Li', written over a horizontal line.

Zhaoyang Li, Ph.D.
Reg. No. 46,872